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FOR RONALD WOODS, EUR/NE

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JOHAN NORDENFALK AND JOHAN LILLIEHOOK

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ON MARCH 28 JOHAN NORDEN FALK, UNDER-SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, AND JOHAN LILLIEHOOK, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SWEDISH-NORTH AMERICAN ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON. NORDENFALK WILL NOT CALL ON US OFFICIALS DURING HIS ONE-DAY IN WASHINGTON BUT SWEDISH EMBASSY PUTTING TOGETHER LUNCH AND DINNER FOR HIM. HE GOES ON MARCH 29 TO NEW YORK TO SPEAK TO THE SWEDISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THEN RETURNS TO STOCKHOLM. BELIEVE HE WILL BE IN WILMINGTON ON MARCH 27 WITH AMERICAN FAMILY HE HAS KNOWN FOR YEARS.

2. NORDENFALK CAME INTO GOVERNMENT LAST NOVEMBER FROM JOHNSON GROUP. RECENTLY HE GOT A DOSE OF MULTILATERAL ACTIVITY WHEN HE HEADED SWEDISH DELEGATION TO OECD EXSS, EPC MEETINGS, MARCH 1-2. SOME BIO DATA ON HIM FOLLOWS. NORDENFALK WAS BORN IN STOCKHOLM IN 1934. HIS FATHER WAS A JUSTICE OF A COURT OF APPEAL AND A BARON. AFTER OBTAINING A LAW DEGREE IN 1958, HE SERVED IN A DISTRICT COURT FROM 1959 TO 1962, WHEREUPON HE BECAME A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IN 1963. NORDENFALK WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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OF THE SO-CALLED WENNERSTROM COMMISSION IN 1963-64 (STIG WENNERSTROM WAS SWEDISH MILITARY OFFICER WHO WAS CONVICTED OF ESPIONAGE ON 1964). IN 1964, NORDENFALK RECEIVED AN APPOINTMENT AS SECOND SECRETARY IN THE SWEDISH MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ADVANCING TO BUREAU DIRECTOR IN 1965 AND TO SECTION CHIEF IN THE SAME YEAR. IN 1967, HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF

THE MINISTRY, WHICH POSITION HE HELD UNTIL 1969. IN THE LATTER YEAR HE LEFT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO BECOME MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE SHIPPING AGENCY JOHNSONLINJEN AGENTUR. HE RETAINED THAT POSITION UNTIL 1971, WHEN HE ACCEPTED A DIRECTORSHIP IN THE PROMINENT SHIPPING LINE REDERI AB NORDSTJERNAN, BELONGING TO THE JOHNSON GROUP. FROM 1974 TO 1976 NORDENFALK HELD DIRECTORSHIPS IN TWO OTHER SHIPPING COMPANIES. FROM 1969-1976 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE PROMINENT SWEDISH CORPORATION HUSKVARNA AB.

3. EXPECT NORDENFALK WILL BE IMPORTANT TO US-SWEDISH ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. LILLIEHOOK, WHO WILL HAVE MORE TIME IN US THAN NORDENFALK IS YOUNG AND WITH SOLID FUTURE IN SWEDISH DIPLOMACY. WOODS MET HIM BRIEFLY DURING CONSULTATIONS HERE. IN ADDITION TO FOLLOWING KEY ECONOMIC SUBJECTS LIKE SPECIALTY STEEL AND BACKSTOPPING ULF DINKELSPIEL AND HANS GRONWALL OF EMBASSY, HE WAS ACCORDED HONOR OF BEING MILTON FRIEDMAN'S ESCORT DURING THE NOBEL PRIZE DAYS. HE HAS VISITED US ONLY BRIEFLY IN PAST. IF EUR/NE CAN WORK OUT SOMETHING INTERESTING FOR HIM BEYOND WHAT THE SWEDISH EMBASSY MIGHT DO, IT WOULD HELP US HERE.
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